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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT
FOR THE
URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT
OF
BARTON-UPON-HUMBER
FOR THE YEAR 1947
BY
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July, 1948.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1947.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is :-

6,343 acres land and inland waters.
838 " tidal waters.

The population is 5,972.

There are 1,933 inhabited houses in the Town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £24,491.

VITAL STATISTICS.

					<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
LIVE BIRTHS	79	73	152
Legitimate...	69	65	134
Illegitimate.	10	8	18
Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 25.45 per 1,000.							

					<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
STILL-BIRTHS-Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

					<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
DEATHS	43	61	104
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR	4	3	7
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Death Rate (all ages) 17.41 per 1,000.							

<u>CASES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Tuberculosis.	1	1	2
Infantile Paralysis.	1	-	1
Cancer.	3	6	9
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	8	16	24
Heart disease.	10	16	26
Other circulatory diseases.	2	4	6
Bronchitis.	5	1	6
Pneumonia.	1	1	2
Other respiratory diseases.	1	1	2
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	1	-	1
Digestive diseases.	-	1	1
Nephritis.	1	-	1
Premature birth.	2	2	4

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Suicide.	1	-	1
Other violence.	-	2	2
All other causes.	6	10	16

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year :-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	1	-	1
Chickenpox.	11	15	26
Acute pneumonia.	-	1	1
Whooping-cough.	10	4	14
Measles.	4	3	7
Tuberculosis Pulmonary.	3	-	3
Non-Pulmonary.	-	1	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis.	1	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	1	1
Diphtheria.	-	1	1

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

	<u>Under 5.</u>	<u>Over 5 but under 15.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
No. of children who completed immunisation during the year.	79	1	80

HEALTH SERVICES ACT.

Two trained Nurses (also qualified in Midwifery) are provided by arrangement with the Lincolnshire Nursing Association for Midwifery and General District Work in the area.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, a Tuberculosis Clinic and V.D. Clinic at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Homes are provided by the County Council at Scunthorpe and Cleethorpes.

The Local Council's Ambulance is available for the residents of Barton and the surrounding districts.

There is no hospital in the Urban District, but a scheme has been submitted for a small hospital and health centre.

HEALTH SERVICES ACT. CONTD.

Accommodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.C. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Smallpox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 78.4% of the houses in the Town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Council at present (for the emergency only) employs 1 full-time Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is being extended, and 24 Conversions have taken place during the year.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's Report that all the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

13 new houses have been erected during the year.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year -

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	148
(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose.	170
(2)	Number of Dwelling Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	126

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT-CONTINUED.

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 90

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(a) 1. No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. 4

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV. - OVERCROWDING.

(a) 1. No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. 14
 2. No. of families dwelling therein. 20
 3. No. of persons dwelling therein. 108

BAKEHOUSES.

No. in district. 5
 No. of inspections. 18
 Contraventions of Factory Acts. 1
 Defects remedied. 1

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

No. on register. 3
 No. of inspections. 300

COWSHEDS.

No. on register. 19
 No. of inspections. Casual

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

No. on register. 27
 No. of inspections. Casual

UNSOUND FOOD.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
No. killed.	571	129	200	1965	46
No. inspected.	571	129	200	1965	46

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED.

	Cattle exc.Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	4	10	-	7	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	132	20	1	11	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	23.81%	23.26%	0.5%	0.94%	30.43%
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	9	8	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	5	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.92%	10.08%	0.5%	-	-

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

No. of premises in district.	1
No. of inspections.	Quarterly.

WATER SUPPLY.

Public Supply.

Area supplied : Rural parts and odd houses and groups of houses
throughout the built up area not supplied.

Percentage of houses supplied.	78.38%
New Cisterns provided.	2

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED.

CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in collection area : 98.
 Number of houses with pail closets in collection area : 830.
 Number of water closets substituted for dry receptacles : 24.
 Number of houses with water closets in district : 920.

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, &c. : 56.
 Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, &c. : 17.
 Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, &c. : 12.
 Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired : 2.
 Drains reconstructed. : 31.

DISINFECTION.

Rooms disinfected.
 (a) ordinary infectious disease : 11.
 (b) tuberculosis : 4.
 Rooms stripped and cleansed. : 2.
 Articles disinfected or destroyed. : 20.

HOUSE REFUSE.

No. of covered ashpits : None in collection area.
 No. of uncovered ashpits : None in collection area.
 No. of houses using bins : 1840.
 Refuse removed weekly by Public Scavenger.
 Method of final disposal : Tipping.
 Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory : Yes.

NUISANCES.

Total number of nuisances during year :-
 1. Abated as result of informal action by
 Sanitary Inspector : 61.
 2. Reported to Council, statutory notices not issued : 139.

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED.

	<u>After informal intimation.</u>
Overcrowding.	2
Accumulation of refuse.	1
Foul pigs and other animals.	1
Dampness.	5
Yards repaved or repaired.	9
Other nuisances.	182

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS.

The conversion of Earth Closets and privies to Water Carriage System goes on but progress is slow owing to the high cost of the work.

Owing to the passing of the North Lindsey Water Order, 1947, the distribution of the water from the Town Mains has been transferred to the Urban District Council which obtains supplies in bulk from the North Lindsey Water Board in whom the Waterworks situate in Caistor Road have been vested by the said Order.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR.

No new Council houses had been completed during the year 1947 with the result that a good deal of overcrowding was again evident. The housing programme should be pressed on with as fast as possible.

The necessity for providing improved social services for the well-being of the inhabitants of the Urban District still exists.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F.P.H. BIRTWISTLE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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